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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Atty. Dkt. No.: 041443-00752 Eva Ackerman and Randy Gene Clark§

Serial No.: 09/764,572 Group Art Unit: 2831

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888888 For: A Method of Assisting a **Compromised Barrier**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated October 26, 2005 in the above-referenced application regarding the rejection of Claims 23-27, 37, 38 and 40.

Applicants believe the fee for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$250.00. A Notice of Appeal was previously filed in this application, dated March 22, 2005, copy attached. At that time, the fee for filing a Notice of Appeal in the amount of \$250.00 was charged to the deposit account of Locke Liddell & Sapp, LLP (No. 12-1322/041443-00752). The filing of an Appeal Brief became moot in light of issuance of the Non-Final Office Action dated April 19, 2005. Applicants therefore do not believe that any further fee is required. The undersigned respectfully requests that should an additional fee be deemed to be required for filing of this Notice of Appeal, that the undersigned be contacted at the telephone number of 713-528-3100.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to: Commissioner for Patens, Mail Stop AF, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this the 27th day of December 2005.

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